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SUBJECT: MICA

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1. US MICA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (MIA) HAS PROVIDED DEPARTMENT WITH COPY OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29 MEETING BETWEEN MIA, GOI DEPUTY COMMERCE MINISTER SINGH AND MITCO MANAGING DIRECTOR JAIN, AS WELL AS COPY OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY MIA AND BY JAIN AT NOVEMBER 5 MEETING. COPIES THESE DOCUMENTS, WHICH ARE BEING POUCHED EMBASSY, HAVE ALSO BEEN PROVIDED TO SINGH AND JAIN. MINUTES CONFIRM THAT COMPROMISE ON 60-40 SPLIT WAS REACHED.

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2. AT END OF RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM NOVEMBER 5

MEETING IS FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION MADE BY JAIN: "IF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGREES TO THE PRICE ROLLBACK (NOTE: REFERENCE HERE IS TO CERTAIN FLOOR PRICE ROLLBACK RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY MIA), THEN THE MIA WOULD TAKE THE POSITION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE USG THAT THEY DO NOT RELEASE MORE THAN THE LIMIT OF 2.5 MILLION POUNDS OF MICA DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 1976. GSA IS CURRENTLY REQUESTING THE RELEASE OF 7.1 MILLION POUNDS. HOWEVER, GSA OVERSOLD IN THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 1975 (BY) 2.4 MILLION POUNDS; THEREFORE, THIS OVERSALE WILL HAVE TO BE

DEDUCTED FROM ANY FURTHER RELEASES."

3. DEPARTMENT PUZZLED BY JAIN REFERENCE TO QUOTE GSA OVERSALE UNQUOTE. GSA MUSCOVITE MICA DISPOSAL PROGRAMS FOR FY1975 WERE 1.5 MILLION LBS FOR MUSCOVITE BLOCK AND FILM (REDUCED FROM A TWO MILLION LB DISPOSAL PROGRAM IN FY1974, AT GOI REQUEST), AND 3,415,000 LBS FOR MUSCOVITE SPLITTINGS. LATTER FIGURE INCLUDES ORIGINAL FY1975 PROGRAM OF 2.5 MILLION LBS, PLUS ADDITIONAL 915,000 LBS ADDED TO PROGRAM IN JUNE 1975 FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH GOI (AS NOTED IN STATE 124808 AND 141986, GSA HAD PROPOSED INCREASE OF 1.4 MILLION LBS, BUT AGREED TO STATE RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH GOI THAT INCREASE BE LIMITED TO 915,000 LBS). AGAINST THESE TWO MUSCOVITE MICA DISPOSAL PROGRAMS, ACTUAL FY1975 SALES TOTALED 830,449 LBS OF MUSCOVITE BLOCK AND FILM, AND 3,410,557 LBS OF MUSCOVITE SPLITTINGS. THERE WAS NO RPT NO OVERSALE IN FY1975.

4. DEPTOFF QUERIED MARSHALL OF MIA RE MEANING OF CONCLUDING PART OF JAIN RECOMMENDATION (ALLEGED OVERSALE AND DEDUCTION OF OVERSALE). MARSHALL WAS UNABLE SHED ANY LIGHT ON THIS MATTER, SAYING JAIN HAD READ FROM A PREPARED TEXT AT NOVEMBER 5 MEETING.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CLARIFYING WITH JAIN HIS REFERENCE TO ALLEGED GSA OVERSALE AND TO HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT AMOUNT OF OVERSALE (2.4 MILLION LBS) BE DEDUCTED FROM ANY FURTHER RELEASES. IN DISCUSSING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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